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BY ELECTRONIC MAIL

RE: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request #874816

Dear Mr. Knox:

This is the final response to your February 28, 2019 request made pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. You emailed your request to the Office of the Solicitor in the U.S. Department of Labor, and it was forwarded here, to the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Labor-Management Standards (OLMS), on March 5, 2019 for a disclosure determination. Your FOIA requests:

(1) Copies of "all files relating to any of the following nurses' unions, from 2000-2019:

- United Nurses and Allied Professionals
- Massachusetts Nurses Association
- Service Employees International Union United Healthcare Workers East
- National Nurses United
- American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO)
- AFT Nurses and Health Professionals"

(2) "... communications, memos, and other documents relating to healthcare workers strikes in this same time frame [2000-2019], such as the many that took place in Massachusetts, Vermont, Rhode Island, etc. in the past few years."

I contacted you about this request on March 12, 2019 via an e-mail with an attached acknowledgment letter. The letter notified you that I was recommending that you narrow the scope of your FOIA request because it would involve a complex search and likely a voluminous production of records. The letter also indicated that if I did not hear from you regarding this recommendation to narrow “within 10 days from the date of this e-mail,” then I would administratively close your request. Ten business days from March 12 elapsed at the close of business on March 26. This deadline passed without our office receiving any correspondence from you.

Accordingly, **your request has been administratively closed.**

Please be aware that you may submit a new FOIA request seeking the same or similar records at any time. Should you choose to do so, I recommend that you narrow your request for all of the reasons detailed in the March 12, 2019 acknowledgment letter.


I believe that OLMS has been responsive to your request. If you need any further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of your request please do not hesitate to contact this office or the DOL FOIA Public Liaison, Thomas Hicks, at 202-693-5427. Alternatively, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services National Archives and Records Administration (OGIS) to inquire the mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001. You can also reach that office by e-mail at ogis@nara.gov, by phone at 202-741-5770, by fax at 202-741-5769, or by calling toll-free at 1-877-684-6448.

If you disagree with our closing your request and you wish to have my decision reviewed, you may submit an administrative appeal to the Solicitor of Labor (Solicitor) within 90 days from the date of this letter to foiaappeal@dol.gov or by mail to the Solicitor of Labor, Division of Management and Administrative Legal Services, **FOIA Appeal**, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave, NW, Room N2420, Washington, DC 20210.

An appeal must reference “**FOIA Appeal 874816**” and state in writing the grounds for the appeal. You may include any supporting statements or arguments, but such statements are not required. In order to facilitate processing of the appeal, please include your mailing address and daytime telephone, as well as a copy of the initial request, the March 12 letter, this letter, and the disclosed records, if any. Any subsequent amendment to an appeal must be made in writing and received by the Office of the Solicitor, by the same means, prior to its decision on your appeal.

Sincerely,

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